

REMARKS

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 and 8-10 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Independent claim 1, from which claims 2,3, and 8-10 depend, has been amended to claim subject matter described in the specification.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 8-10 and 11 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for corrosion inhibitors containing Ba²⁺ or Ca²⁺ does not reasonably provide enablement for generic sulfate getters. The independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended to overcome this rejection.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 and 8-10 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1, from which claims 2,3, and 8-10 depend, has been amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner has objected to claims 34 and 35 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 34 and 35 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims 1 and 11.


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